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SUBJ: RESIGNATION OF NATIONAL GENDARMERIE COMMANDER

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT BG CHEA KIM ENG HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AS COMMANDER OF THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE. PRIME MINISTER IN TAM TOLD US AUGUST 7 THAT LON NOL, APPARENTLY WITHOUT CONSULTING THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL, REQUESTED CHEA KIM ENG'S RESIGNATION BECAUSE OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THE JULY 29 ROUND-UP OF DRAFT EVADERS WAS CONDUCTED.

2. IN TAM TOLD US THAT CHEA KIM ENG'S SUCCESSOR IS TO BE COL. HIM SIVETH, NOW DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL WARFARE SCHOOL.

3. COMMENT: WHEN COMPARED WITH HIS MEDIOCRE PREDECESSORS, CHEA KIM ENG WOULD RATE AS A REASONABLY EFFECTIVE COMMANDER. WE ARE UNABLE TO APPRAISE HIS SUCCESSOR'S PROSPECTS AT THIS TIME, BUT WOULD GUESS THAT, PROFITING FROM PREDECESSORS' MISTAKES, HE WILL BE RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT ANY ASSIGNMENT BEARING ON ENFORCEMENT OF

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